

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/24/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9, 11-15 and 17-24.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 2/2/07.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendments

*No claims have been amended.
Claims 10 and 16 have been cancelled.
Claims 1-9, 11-15 and 17-24 are pending.*

Claims 1-9, 11-15 and 17-24 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

I. Applicant's arguments see Remarks pages 2-3, filed 10/2/2006, with respect to claims 1-3 and 11-14 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore the 35 USC 103(a) rejection of the above claims have been withdrawn.

Examiner's Amendment

II. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

III. Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Atty. Jonathan H. Backenstose on February 2, 2007.

Please make the following changes:

a. **Regarding Claim 1:**

- in line 4, insert—a—between “comprising” and “meeting” to read: “...comprising *a* meeting”;
- in line 9, replace “and” with—or—to read: “...participant *or* time,”;
- in line 12, replace “apparatus” with—apparatuses—to read: “...the

plurality of processing *apparatuses*".

b. **Regarding Claim 2:**

- in line 9, replace "and" with—or—to read: "...participant *or* time;";
- in line 12, replace "apparatus" with—apparatuses—to read: "...the plurality of processing *apparatuses*".

c. **Regarding Claim 3:**

- in line 12, replace "and" with—or—to read: "...participant *or* time;";
- in line 15, replace "apparatus" with—apparatuses—to read: "...the plurality of processing *apparatuses*".

d. **Regarding Claim 11:**

- in lines 13 and 19, replace "apparatus" with—apparatuses—to read: "...the plurality of processing *apparatuses*";
- in line 17, replace "and" with—or—to read: "...participant *or* time;".

e. **Regarding Claim 12:**

- in lines 15 and 21, replace "apparatus" with—apparatuses—to read: "...the plurality of processing *apparatuses*";
- in line 19, replace "and" with—or—to read: "...participant *or* time;".

f. **Regarding Claim 13:**

- in lines 23 and 29, replace "apparatus" with—apparatuses—to read: "...the plurality of processing *apparatuses*";
- in line 27, replace "and" with—or—to read: "...participant *or* time;".

g. **Regarding Claim 14:**

- in line 21, insert—of—between "each" and "the" to read: "...each *of* the meeting data";
- in lines 21 and 27, replace "apparatus" with—apparatuses—to read: "...the plurality of processing *apparatuses*";
- in line 25, replace "and" with—or—to read: "...participant *or* time;".

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

IV. The prior art of record fails to teach neither singly nor in combination, the claimed limitations of: at least two of said plurality of processing apparatuses comprising meeting data reproducing apparatus respectively, each meeting data reproducing apparatus reproducing

meeting data that includes fixed presentation data and supplied-data, and the presentation data including at least one pointer indicating an address of the supplied-data so that a portion of the meeting data may be reproduced by specifying at least one of a particular presenter, a meeting participant *or* time; and at least one meeting data reproducing apparatus comprising: a virtual machine that receives the supplied data from another one of the plurality of processing apparatus, reads files in a common format and performs operations specified in the files, the virtual machine converting said supplied-data into a data format which allows said meeting data to be reproduced, the meeting data being stored in units based on corresponding units of the supplied-data, as stated in independent claims 1-3 and 11-14 (see Applicant's Specification pages 6-7, 12, 17 and 21-23).

Specifically, the prior art of record fails to disclose meeting data that includes fixed presentation data prepared in advance and supplied-data, which includes at least one of image data and control data. Furthermore the prior art fails to disclose the implementation of Applicant's invention with a virtual machine that is capable of converting the supplied-data into a format that allows for the meeting data to be reproduced at the processing apparatuses. As discussed in Applicant's Remarks on pages 1-3 filed on 10/24/2006, these limitations, in conjunction with other limitations in the independent and dependent claims, are not specifically disclosed or remotely suggested in the prior art of record. A review of Claims 1-9, 11-15 and 17-24 in view of the Examiner's remarks above, indicates that Claims 1-9, 11-15 and 17-24 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

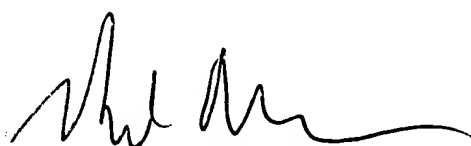
V. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Kristie Shingles whose telephone number is 571-272-3888. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571-272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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